Daughters of the American Revolution
Regent Mt. Diablo Chapter
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Dear Mayor,

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On behalf of DAR, we appreciate it so much if you would issue a proclamation proclaiming the week of September 17-September 23 as National Constitution Week and send it to me. The proclamation will be displayed at our meetings and photos put in the newspaper.

Thank you very much for your attention and participation in this important event.

Best Regards,
Barbara Beratta DAR Regent
Mt. Diablo Chapter

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PROCLAMATION

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mike Anderson, Mayor, on behalf of the Lafayette City Council do hereby proclaim the week of **September 17-23 as National Constitution Week.**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the City Seal this 11th day of August, 2008.

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Mike Anderson, Mayor

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